



## **Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, December 27, 2022**

**Kyle Grove, District 1**, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, Gladwin Twp.)  
**Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chairperson** (Sage and Gladwin City)  
**Michael Szuch District 3**, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim & Secord)  
**Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson** (Buckeye, Hay & Tobacco)  
**Rick Grove, District 5**, (Grout, Beaverton City, Beaverton)

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for a regular Board Meeting, on December 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, all commissioners were present.

### **Public Comment – Agenda Items**

No public comment.

### **City Report**

Nancy Bodner from the City of Gladwin shared that the city adopted a new zoning ordinance and has a blueprint for the new building. Additionally, the City has applied for a Spark Grant; details are available on that for anyone who is interested.

### **The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda**

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner K. Grove, all in favor motion carried.

**Cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance is **(\$307,993.38)**.

### **Approval of the Board Minutes:**

1. **Dec 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**

### **Communications**

1. Clerk Hulme asked the Board for a motion to schedule their Organizational meeting for 2023.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to schedule an Organizational Meeting for January 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., second by Commissioner R. Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Finance**

1. Sheriff Shea addressed the Board regarding Opioid Settlement Funds. He shared the need for and perceived benefit of directing opioid settlement funds toward body cams for sheriff deputies, as well as a quote from Axon Enterprises. Sheriff Shea asked the board for their consideration of his proposal.

Motion by R. Grove to approve the Sheriffs plan to utilize the opioid settlement monies for body cams as outlined in the presented quote, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Administrator Justin presented the salary schedule for 2023  
Motion by Commissioner Taylor to adopt, seconded by Szuch, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Treasurer VanTiem shared the Special Funds Report, these are funds outside the General Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the special funds budget for 2023, second by K. Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Motion by Commissioner K. Grove, seconded by M. Szuch, to transfer funds from unallocated tax's, line 516-000-001.000 to the General Fund line 101-000-001.000 to cover the 2022 year end; amount to be determined by January 31, 2023. All in favor

5. Treasure VanTiem shared information on the Child Care Fund, Court Administrator Howe expressed the courts support for the proposed added funding.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor to move funds as follows:

- a. Dr \$100,702.29 516-000-999.101/Cr \$100,702.29 516-000-001.000
- b. Cr \$100,702.29 101-000-699-516/Dr \$100,702.29 101-000-001.000
- c. Dr \$100,702.29 292-000-001.000/Cr \$100,702.29 292-000-699.001
- d. Dr \$100,702.29 101-965-998.292/Cr \$100,702.29 11-000-001.000

Seconded by Commissioner R. Grove, all in favor, motion carried.

6. ARPA Parking Lot Projects

e) Motion by Commissioner R. Grove, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve additional funds to the Probate Court Renovation project in the amount of \$2,500. All in favor, motion carried

f) Conversation was had on hiring a PR firm. The County Administrator will schedule presentations for the Board from two different firms.

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve \$45,000 for Bentley Township to purchase a Rescue Vehicle. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch. Additional conversation was had on current vehicle usage, and the mutual aid contract with the surrounding fire departments. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Miscellaneous**

1. Mike Hargrave shared details of Tom McKenna's resignation from the Airport Board and the request to appoint Chuck Hinman to that open position

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner K. Grove, to appoint Charles (Chuck) Hinman. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Hargrave gave an update on the airport lighting project.

2. Committee Assignments for 2023 were discussed.

A motion to approve the 2023 Committees Schedule was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner R. Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Chairperson Comments**

Happy New Year

## **Board Comments**

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1 –

- Attended all of the township meetings on his farewell tour.
- Butman Township's fire sign looks really nice, the township hall floor was redone and looks good.

- The last four years have been fun(ish), and have went by fast.

#### Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- Shared his appreciation for Commissioners K. Grove and Szuch and their work as Commissioners.
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> was the Veterans Affairs meeting. The Memorial Fund is at approximately \$70,000.
- 14<sup>th</sup> was the Health Board Meeting, 2022 has been the worst year for the flu in thirteen years.
- 14<sup>th</sup> was the Sage township meeting; it was short and sweet.
- 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> were Budget meetings.
- 19<sup>th</sup> was also City Council and 21<sup>st</sup> was Gladwin Township

#### Commissioner Michael Szuch, District 3 –

- It's been an interesting couple of years. Thank you, Ron (Commissioner Taylor), for your comments. Commissioner Szuch shared his appreciation for the board members.
- He attended all of his township meetings except Grim.
- Commissioner Szuch took a minute to review the accomplishments of the Board the last two years: The Board has brought on a new County Administrator, negotiated all new Union contracts, taken on capital projects (mainly the Jail Feasibility Study), allocated ARPA Funds, improved the counties budget, and on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Jointly with Midland County, approved a Special Assessment District to get back the lakes.

Tom Shepard thanked Commissioner Szuch on behalf of Bentley Township for his service.

#### Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Shared her appreciation for Commissioners Szuch and K. Grove, and thanked Commissioner Szuch for the review of the Board's accomplishments.
- 13<sup>th</sup> was a FLTF Board Meeting. They are making a lot of progress and huge effort to utilize funds efficiently.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wixom Lake Approval Board Meeting. Aerial spraying appears to have been successful. Partnerships between organizations and townships have been discussed in an effort to assist one another with getting the lakes back.
- Broadband meetings have been had with Point Broadband. People from all over the country attended the last meeting.
- Commissioners, ask your townships if they have spent a \$2000 Easy Grant that the Gladwin Community Foundation has available for all townships and cities.

#### Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Shared his appreciation of Commissioners K. Grove and Szuch for their contribution to the Board.
- Jail Advisory meeting was a good meeting. Conversation was had on efficiency and workability.

#### Administrators Report –

- Multi-Jurisdictional meeting with other counties on building a juvenile facility.
- A lot of time has been put into the budgets, 2022 and 2023
- Gypsy Moth project has run into a few snags with EGLE but being worked on. Full scale application in the spring. Chris is doing a great job managing the program.
- Administrator Justin read a prepared statement and presented a picture and name plaque to the board.

#### Public Comment –

Tim Messner of Billings Township thanked the outgoing Commissioners, the Board, and county officials for all of their work.

Ken Roberts, Veteran's Affairs Director thanked the Board for allowing the V.A. to hire a full-time Service Officer and shared the success and benefit to the county having this individual in place.

Christy VanTiem shared that an email came in from Magistrate Post regarding the budget.

No other public comment.

### **Civil Attorney**

Attorney Hoerauf discussed the need for an updated Jail Physicians Contract. She shared the edits and updates to the last contract. She and the sheriff, undersheriff are asking approval of the contract so the GCSD can move forward with the hiring of the physician.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the sheriff's department to proceed with the selected physician at the agreed terms. Seconded by Commissioner R. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Grove to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Szuch. Meeting adjourned at 10:27

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Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

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Karen Moore, Chairperson